

12. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

a. Health and Safety Committee Mr. Roland reported that the Executive Committee had approved a proposal to consolidate the activities of the existing Chemical Regulations Advisory Committee, Occupational Safety and Health Committee, and Public Compensation Task Group into a new Health and Safety Committee.

b. Special Programs Mr. Roland also reported that special programs on 2-Ethylhexanoic Acid and on Dibenzofurans and Dibenzodioxins had been approved by the Executive Committee.

13. BHOPAL INCIDENT: INDUSTRY ACTION PLAN

Chairman Holmer reviewed the actions the Officers had taken since the Bhopal incident and expressed their collective belief that the industry needed to take positive actions very quickly in response to the issues and concerns which had been raised. To meet this need, the officers had appointed Hamilton Hurst of Nalco to chair an ad hoc committee and coordinate their efforts through a staff team headed by Mr. Roland.

Mr. Roland reported on the Association's response to date and generally described the proposed program and action plan which the Executive Committee had approved the previous day for Board consideration. This consisted of the:

- Board Statement on Health, Safety and Environmental Quality, approved in September 1983.
- Ongoing review and revision, if necessary, of the Association's activities and positions in all of the existing advocacy programs.
- Development of two new initiatives:
 - Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) program.
 - Establishment of a National Chemical Information Center.

Mr. Hurst described the purpose of the proposed CAER program and reported on the progress the CAER work group had made in outlining the elements of the program. The group hopes to complete work on developing a program and supporting materials by sometime in March.

Mr. Roland described the purpose of the proposed National Chemical Information Center which would include programs on emergency response, training and education, and providing hazard information to the public. The Executive Committee endorsed the NCIC program in concept and indicated an initial preference for an information networking system rather than a complete computer-based MSDS repository at CMA. The NCIC work group, however, would examine the options and make subsequent recommendations for action.

Considerable discussion followed concerning the proposed programs and the importance of member company commitment at the corporate and the plant level to making the programs a reality.

ON MOTION, duly made and seconded,
it was

VOTED: To approve the proposed Bhopal response program as set forth in Exhibit K.

14. CHEMICAL INDUSTRY MUTUAL AID NETWORK

Mr. Bunting presented the proposal for the establishment of a formal Chemical Industry Mutual Aid Network (CHEMNET).

ON MOTION, duly made and seconded,
it was

VOTED: To approve the CHEMNET proposal as set forth in Exhibit L, with the understanding that the actual language of the CHEMNET agreement would be resolved to meet certain legal concerns.

15. EXPORT OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Mr. Spilner reported on the status of proposals to regulate the export of hazardous substances. He indicated that the proposed position had been approved by all effected CMA committees and had been coordinated with key allied associations.

ON MOTION, duly made and seconded,
it was

VOTED: To approve the recommendation, as set forth in the attached Exhibit M, for CMA to actively support publication of the latest reported draft of the White House policy on the export of hazardous substances.

16. STATE HAZARD COMMUNICATION PROGRAM

Mr. Eschenbach presented a package of interim guidelines for state programs on hazard communication (right-to-know). The major new element of the guidelines is support for expansion of the federal hazard communication program to all employees through the mechanism of approved state plans. Discussion followed concerning the possible extension of employee coverage at the federal level and coordination of the guidelines with allied trade associations.

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